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SUBJECT: FNM – MEETINGS – GREAT LAKES NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY AND MINNESOTA TRIBAL CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL TRIBAL OUTREACH AND TRAINING CONFERENCE

ACTION DUE BY: August 25, 2008

Purpose. To provide authorization information for attendance at the Great Lakes Native American Fish & Wildlife Society (GLNAFWS) and Minnesota Tribal Conservation Advisory Council Outreach and Training Conference.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2008.

The theme for this year's conference will be Climate Change, including impacts and solutions for Great Lakes tribes. There will be a climate change plenary session on Tuesday. Other focus areas for this conference will include Conservation Enforcement/Training, Environmental Protection/Training, Trust Issues, and Wildlife Diseases. This year the GLNAFWS is partnering with the Indian Nations Conservation Alliance to jointly host a conference. Other activities at the conference will include at Director's reception, traditional feast and awards banquet, entertainment, golf tournament, softball, fun shoot, feast, and a natural resources tour. This Training Conference is for tribal leaders and department personnel to meet with USDA and others to learn how USDA programs can help tribes achieve their visions for their people, land, air, water, plants, animals and other natural resources. It is also a great opportunity for USDA agency personnel who assist tribes to meet and get acquainted with tribal folks. The Training Conference is being held at the Northern Lights Casino & Hotel, Walker, Minnesota September 15-18, 2008.

The following employees are authorized to attend **on government time and expense**:

- State Conservationist, all Assistant State Conservationists, State Outreach Coordinator, and State Public Affairs Specialist.
- NRCS speakers and presenters.
- District Conservationists and tribal liaisons serving counties with reservations.
- Other NRCS Field and Area Staff recommended by the ASTC (FO) and approved by the State Conservationist.



Assistant State Conservationists (FO) should submit a list of recommended participants to Ann English, ASTC (Operations), by August 22, 2008. Travel authorizations for those approved outside the State Office will be prepared at the applicable Area level. Questions regarding travel authorizations should be directed to Bryan Welp, Budget Officer, (651) 602-7860.

Please call the Northern Lights Casino & Hotel at 1-(866)-652-4683 to make your reservations **by August 29, 2008**. A room rate of \$60 plus tax has been established for this conference. When making reservations, you must request rooms under the block "Great Lakes NAFWS." For more information about the Northern Lights facility, please visit their website at:
www.northernlightscasino.com

The registration fee for the conference is \$150/person. Registration information will be available in the very near future.

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WILLIAM HUNT
State Conservationist

Attachments – Draft Agenda, First Announcement & Call for Papers

DIST: AE

Sunday Sept 14th – Travel Day

Monday, Sept 15th

7:30 – Pre-Shoot meeting room **at casino, Jamie M. to coordinate**

8:00-4:30 – Conference Registration – 3 tables **(Leech Lake to coordinate, with help from others)**

8:00 -2:00 – Conservation Officers qualifying shoot (Jamie Mitchell and Bill B.)

3:00 – Golf Tournament – **John R. and Rich R. Leech Lake**

3:00 –Natural Resource Tour

8:00 – Director's Reception

Tuesday, Sept 16th

7:30-4:00 Registration

9:00 – 10:30 – Conference Opening ceremonies

Parade of Colors

Drum Group – **Leech Lake**

Pipe Ceremony – **Leech Lake**

Welcome Addresses

Leech Lake Tribal Council

Tribal President

BIA Regional Director

USFWS Regional Director

EPA

Society – National

Regional

Indian Nations Conservation Alliance – Dick Gooby, Executive Director

10:30- 12:00 – Climate Change Plenary –Dave C./ Garrit

12:00 –Soup and sandwich buffet

12:00 – 2:00 – Great Lakes NAFWS Business Lunch

Lunch Speaker – Global Warming

2:15-4:00 – Legislative and fundraising issues/updates Dave C./Larry W.

BIA

USFWS

Holland & Knight

USDA and Indian Country – Dawn Charging, USDA Director of Office of Native American Programs

Farm Bill Update - Harlan Beaulieu, President, Intertribal Agriculture Council

4:00-7:00 Softball Tournament **(Moondance Fields John R. Jamie M)**

7:00 – Traditional Feast **(Onigum Head Start Center- Margaret Jordan, John Ringle)**

Wed Sept 17th

8:00 -4:00

Concurrent Sessions

- Conservation Enforcement – Jamie M. and Fred **Paulson?**
- Climate Change – **Garrit/Dave??**
- **INCA- Caring for Mother Earth – Joel Rhode**
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Draft agenda July 22, 2008

Wednesday September 17, 2008

8:00 – 8:30

Caring for Mother Earth – INCA

Moderator – Joel Rohde, Red Lake

Opening Prayer – ?

Purpose of Conference – Scott Hansen,
Environmental Programs, Mille Lacs Band
DNR-E

8:30 – 8:50

Keynote – Carl –Martin Ruiz Director Office of
the Assistant Secretary for USDA Civil Rights
Outreach and Diversity

8:50 – 9:40

**New Farm Bill and it's Impacts on Indian
Country – USDA Agencies**

**Beginning and Disadvantaged Farmer and
Rancher Support** – Carl –Martin Ruiz
Director Office of the Assistant Secretary for
USDA Civil Rights Outreach and Diversity

Farm Service Agency, Perry Aasness???

9:40 – 10:00

Break

10:00 – 10:20

Natural Resource Conservation Service,
Bill Hunt

10:20 – 10:40

Rural Development, Steve Wenzel ???

10:40 – 11:20	Growing our own: Mother Earth Caretakers: Dr. Don Day, President Fond du Lac College Tribal youth Development and employment programs – USDA PANEL: Bill Hunt, Dick Gooby, Dawn Newman
11:20 – 11:40	Growing local foods and farm to school project -Andrea Hanks – White Earth Land Recovery Project
11:40 – 12:00	Heifer International – Paul Smith
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 – 2:10	New Farm Bill and it's Impacts on Indian Country – USDA Agencies Risk Management Agency - Craig Rice, RMA??? Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant, Protection and Quarantine – Kevin Connors
2:10 pm - 2:20 pm	Tribal Conservation Districts – Dick Gooby
2:20 – 2:40	White Earth Tribal Conservation District Seven Generations Plan, Dawn Kier, Agriculture/wetland Manager
2:40 pm – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm – 3:20 pm	Agriculture Census 2008 – Doug Hartwig, NASS
3:20 pm – 4:00 pm	New Farm Bill and it's Impacts on Indian Country – USDA Agencies Forest Service

**Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Vet
Science -_Dr. Michael Stine, APHIS**

4:00 pm

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Thursday September 18, 2008 - Caring for Mother Earth

8:00 am – 8:20 am

Moderator - Dawn Kier, White Earth
Prayer:

8:20 am –8:40 am

Youth Loans - NTDA

8:40 am –9:00 am

Tribal Success Stories
Mille Lacs – Scott Hansen

9:00 – 9:20

Restoring Native Prairies – Stan Ellison
Shakopee

9:20 -9:40

**Leech lake Band of Ojibwe and- APHIS
Cormorant and Beaver work
Animal Plant Health Inspection Service,
Wildlife Services**–Duane (pete) Sahr APHIS
and Steve Mortenson Leech Lake.

9:40 am – 10:00 am

Break

10:00 am – 10:40 am

**New Farm Bill and it's Impacts on Indian
Country – USDA Agencies**

Food and Nutrition Service –

Extension Service

10:40 am – 12:00

Tribal success Stories

- Trust Issues (wilds rice **Ray Norgarrd, MNDNR**) – John R. Rich R.
 USFS trust issues inc. ATV's, hunting gathering, etc.
 Mines- MNDNR/USFS in 1854 ceded area
 Congressional Strategies
 Pipelines – Enbridge
 Historic Preservation
- Environmental Training – **Someone needs to contact Ed F. and Herb N**
 12:00-1:30 – Lunch – Walleye outside in tent at Casino **Red Lake to provide walleye**
Conference buys and cooks? Casino to provide potato salad, beans drinks, etc.
 Walleye Genetics – which stock (**Tastes best?**)
 1:30 Wildlife Diseases (Don Reider)
 4:30-6:00 Fun Shoot (**Leech Lake to Coordinate**)
 6:30 – Banquet/Silent action
 Banquet Speaker (Possibly someone like Will Stieger?)
 Entertainment (Possibly Williams and Ree, Jack Gladstone, Drew Lecapa, **any**
others I missed)

Thurs Sept 18th

8:00 - 12:00 Concurrent Sessions

Fisheries Diseases/Issues

Conservation Enforcement

INCA

Climate Change

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS
NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY – GREAT LAKES REGION
2008 FALL CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 15 – 18, 2008

The Great Lakes Region – NAFWS is pleased to announce our 2008 conference, which will be hosted by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Indians at the Northern Lights Casino near Walker, Minnesota. The Leech Lake Band is taking extra efforts to ensure this year's event will be one of the best ever! We sincerely ask you to help make this an event to remember by honoring us with your presence. We will soon be sending a second announcement with a draft agenda. Below is information intended to get you started with your planning.

Reservations

The Northern Lights Casino & Hotel, Walker, MN is the conference location. Please call the hotel at 866/652-4683 to make your reservations. When making reservations, you must request rooms under the block "Great Lakes NAFWS". Rooms will be at the government rate of \$60.00/night. Visit their website at www.northernlightscasino.com.

Conference Highlights

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Call for Papers

Please see the attached Call for Papers. Please consider making a presentation at the conference.

Awards Nominations

We are currently seeking nominations for the four annual awards: Patricia Zakovek Conservation Officer of the Year Award, Glen T. Miller Tribal Leadership Award, William Eger Biologist of the Year Award, and the Great Lakes Technician of the Year Award. If you wish to nominate someone, please contact Don Reiter or Bill Bailey.

Sponsorships

The Society is again seeking assistance in sponsoring morning/afternoon coffee breaks. The cost of each break is about \$350. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Don Reiter or Bill Bailey. Also, it is a good time to start thinking about donations of items for our annual silent auction.

For further information, please feel free to contact Regional Directors Don Reiter at 715/799-5116 (djreiter@mitw.org) or Bill Bailey at 231/534-7500 (william.bailey@gtbindians.com). You can also contact John Ringle, Leech Lake Band, at 218/335-7421 (jringle@lldrm.org).

CALL FOR PAPERS

2008 Great Lakes NAFWS Conference

SUBMISSIONS DUE August 1, 2008

The Great Lakes Native American Fish & Wildlife Society requests paper submissions for its annual meeting to be held at the Northern Lights Casino & Hotel in Walker, Minnesota, September 15-18, 2008. The theme of the conference is climate change. Paper submissions should address climate change impacts and solutions in relation to wildlife, fisheries, habitat, and natural resource management. Below are sample subjects for papers.

Global Warming: The Forecast for the Great Lake Region and It's Wildlife. Papers could address impacts to fisheries; habitat; water resources; natural resources; waterfowl, moose, and other wildlife; forest health; and subsistence resources. Papers may also address how wildlife and natural resource managers can develop and implement adaptation management strategies for wildlife to survive global warming impacts.

Wildlife Management and Environmental Monitoring. Papers could discuss the importance of monitoring the impacts of climate change to tribal watersheds, wildlife, and plant communities. Issues to discuss might include: key habitats and migration corridors for wildlife in a changing climate; prioritizing resource management (what is most important to a tribe to protect) and how should that shape management; monitoring – establishing baselines for impacts of climate change to resources (e.g. how is climate change impacting water quantity, temperature, etc.); what the are the existing tools available to tribes. Some additional paper topics might include:

- How natural resource managers can mitigate climate change and help wildlife adapt;
- How to monitor the impacts of climate change to water resources and fisheries;
- Mercury pollution issues;
- Implications for specific wildlife species;
- Available tools to confront climate impacts to fish and wildlife;
- How tribal staff can work with other agencies to manage climate impacts to wildlife and habitat;
- Implications for wild rice;
- How can wildlife management be integrated with other climate change solutions (e.g., renewable energy development, carbon sequestration, energy efficiency);
- How is your tribe using citizen science and engaging community members and youth in environmental monitoring of climate impacts to watersheds, wildlife, etc.;
- How are tribal colleges integrating climate change into curriculum (e.g., degree tracks in sustainable development), teaching students the necessary skills to become the next generation of natural resource managers, and organizing for solutions to climate change.

These are only a few examples of possible paper topics. Papers of a non-climatic topic will also be considered for our other sessions. We invite papers from tribal natural resource managers as well as tribal college educators and students. For more information and to submit paper abstracts contact: John Ringle, Leech Lake Division of Resource Management, jringle@lldrm.org, 218/335-7421.

SUBMISSIONS DUE BY: August 1, 2008. Also, we would like to request, if possible, that you email John Ringle by COB July 14 of your interest in making a presentation, preferably with a title. This would assist the conference planning committee, who will be meeting on July 16. MiGwitch!